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Amendments to

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| Headnotes                   | Present<br>Constitution   | Constitution of 1867   | Constitution of 1864  |
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| Legislative election: Date. | Sec. 7. The election for Senators and Delegates shall take place on the Tuesday next, after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and fiftyeight, and in every- fourth year thereafter. | Sec. 7. The first election for Senators and Delegates shall take place on the Tuesday next, after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; and the election for Delegates, and as nearly as practicable, for one-half of the Senators, shall be held on the same day, in every second year thereafter. | Sec. 6. The first election for Senators and Delegates shall take place on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and the elections for Delegates, and as nearly as practicable for one-half of the Senators, shall be held on the same day in every second year thereafter. |
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|   | the said town as the judges     |
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|   | shall appoint, elect viva voce, |
|   | by a majority of votes, two     |
|   | delegates, qualified as afore-  |
|   | said; but if the said inhabi-   |
|   | tants of the town shall so      |
|   | decrease, as that the num-      |
|   | ber of persons having right     |
|   | of suffrage therein shall have  |
|   | been for the space of seven     |
|   | years; successively less than   |
|   | one half the number of          |
|   | voters in some one county in    |
|   | this State, such town thence-   |
|   | forward shall cease to send     |
|   | two delegates or representa-    |
|   | tives to the house of dele-     |
|   | gates, until the said town      |
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|   | shall have one half of the      |
| ! | number of voters in some one    |
|   | county in this State.           |
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Sec. 5. The first election for delegates shall take place qualified shall, on the first chapter 197. Ratified 1837. on the first Wednesday of Monday of October seven-November, eighteen hundred teen hundred and seventyand fifty-one; and the elec- seven, and on the same day place of holding elections in tions for delegates, and for in every year thereafter, asone-half of the Senators, as semble in the counties in nearly as practicable, shall which they are respectively be held on the same day in qualified to vote, at the the General Assembly for every second year thereafter, court-house in the said counbut an election for senators ties, or at such other place year eighteen hundred and shall be held in the year at the legislature shall direct, thirty eight, . . . an election eighteen hundred and fifty- and when assembled they shall also be held in each of one, in Howard county, and shall proceed to elect, viva the Several Counties of this all those counties in which voce, four delegates for State, and in the City of senators were elected in the their respective counties, of Baltimore respectively, for year eighteen hundred and the most wise, sensible, and the purpose of choosing a forty-six.

2. ... and all freemen so Proposed by Act of 1836, whole year next preceding the election, above twentyone years of age, and having

Sec. 3. At the time and the Several Counties of this State, and in the City of Baltimore for Delegates to the December Session of the discreet of the people, resi- Senator of the State of dents in the county where Maryland, for and from such they are to be chosen one County or said City, as the case may be. . . .

Sec. 24. The elections to in the State real or personal be held in pursuance of this property above the value of act, shall be held on the first five hundred pounds current Wednesday of October, in money, and upon the final the year eighteen hundred casting of the polls the four and thirty eight, and for persons who shall appear to the election of Delegates on have the greatest number of the same day in every year legal votes, shall be declared thereafter, for the election and returned duly elected of Governor on the same day